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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT KUWAIT 1189 DATED 14 APR 73 SENT ACTION
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QUOTE. C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1189

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS LE US

SUBJ: CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

REF: STATE 68250

1. REACTING TO HEADLINES IN LOCAL PRESS APRIL 12 QTE CONFIRMING
US PARTICIPATION UNQTE IN ISRAELI RAID, I URGENTLY CONTACTED FONMIN
UNDER SECRETARY RASHID AL- RASHID AND PRTESTED OUTRAGEOUS
STORIES IN PRESS AS TOTALLY FALSE AND INCITEMENTS TO ATTACK
AMERICANS AND AMERICAN INTERESTS IN AREA. I SPECIFICALLY DREW
UNDERSECRETARY' S ATTENTION TO STRONG US DENIALS OF ANY INVOLV-
EMENT IN RAIDS AND DEPLORED CALLS TO VIOLENCE THAT COULD ONLY
MAKE MATTERS WORSE.

2. UNDER SECRETARY SAID GOK DID NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT PUBLISHING
OF ANY SUCH STORIES. HE ADDED THAT SINCE PRESS IN KUWAIT WAS
FEE, THERE WAS PROBLEM AS TO HOW FAR GOK COULD ACTUALLY CONTROL
WHAT WAS PRINTED. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM FONMIN SABAH
URGENTLY AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

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3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOK MAKING REAL EFFORT TO KEEP
SITUATION IN KUWAIT ACL. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV
HAVE NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED ALLEGATIONS OF US COMPLICITY IN RAIDS
IN NEW PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND MENTION OF THEM WAS MADE
DURING COURSE OF ONE TV PROGRAM. SYMBOLIC FUNERAL OF
PLESTINIAN COMMANDO LEADERS KILLED IN LEBANON APRIL 12, ATTENDED
BY SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE, CAME OFF PEACEFULLY. GOK KEPT

PROCESSION WELL OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITY AND PREVENTED DEMONSTRATIONS
AFTERWARDS.
STOLTZFUS

UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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